

## News Release

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### **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA HONORING LOCAL AMERICAN HEROES WITH REMEMBRANCE WREATHS** *Live Up to Their Legacy*

The Herndon Woman's Club will join Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 18, 2021 to honor more than 890 veterans who have been laid to rest at Chestnut Grove Cemetery. In a short remembrance ceremony at noon, the club will remember the fallen, the prisoners of war and the missing in action and honor those who have served and are serving this great nation. Following the ceremony, a commemorative wreath will be placed on every veteran's grave. The ceremony and wreath placing are open to all.

Each year on National Wreaths Across America Day, millions of Americans - a third of whom are children - come together to remember our fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom. Each year, a new theme is chosen by the national organization to help local volunteers and supporters focus their messaging and outreach in our communities. This year, the theme is "**Live Up to Their Legacy.**" The inspiration for this year's theme came from a statement by U.S. Army Chief of Staff, General James McConville in November 2020 in which he said, "We stand on the shoulders of heroes that have gone before us, and really what we strive to do is live up to their legacy."

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America is working hard to ensure no veteran laid to rest is forgotten this holiday season, and fundraising has been ongoing all year. On Saturday, December 18, 2021, National Wreaths Across America Day, live balsam remembrance wreaths will be placed at the graves of fallen veterans at over 3,100 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Officially established in 1872, Herndon's Chestnut Grove Cemetery is the final resting place of veterans, dating back to the War of 1812. Your continued support helps ensure enough wreaths are provided each year. The cost to sponsor each wreath is \$15. To show your support by sponsoring a wreath(s), please donate online at [wreathsassamerica.org/VA0143P](https://wreathsassamerica.org/VA0143P), or send a check made payable to Herndon Woman's Club, P.O. Box 231, Herndon, VA, 20172.

The Herndon Woman's Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit civic organization established in 1939, unites women in our community – through volunteerism and fundraising – to support various local, state, national and international causes. To learn more about the Herndon Woman's Club, visit their website at [herndonwomensclub.org](https://herndonwomensclub.org).

The Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department includes the Chestnut Grove Cemetery. The department is a four-time National Gold Medal Award winner for excellence in park and recreation management presented by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration ([aapra.org](http://aapra.org)). The Town of Herndon, located in western Fairfax County, is the third largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to over 24,000 citizens. The Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department can be visited at [herndon-va.gov/recreation](http://herndon-va.gov/recreation) or call 703-787-7300.

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